

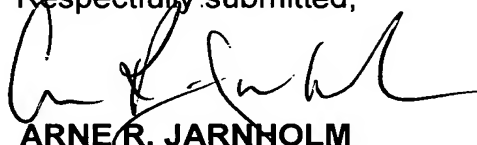
**REMARKS**

These claims correspond to Group II claims, which were the subject of a requirement for restriction in the parent application No. 10/227,997, filed August 26, 2003.

It is respectfully requested that the amendments above be entered before examination of the application.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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